

21 July 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Control Staff
Security Office

SUBJECT : Speaking Engagement for Colonel White

1. Colonel White has been nominated by the Director to speak in his stead at the 61st Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 27 September, et sequitur, and Colonel White has accepted the assignment in writing to Mr. Leroy E. Wike, Executive Secretary of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which maintains offices in Washington in the Mills Building, 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.

2. Subsequent to this written acceptance, Mr. Wike contacted Colonel White for the purpose of asking him to assign a title to his remarks. I submitted the title "The Impact of Intelligence" to Colonel White, who approved it, and I then communicated this information to Mr. Wike, over Colonel White's signature, under cover of 21 July. The title is merely a convenient point of departure for Colonel White's remarks, which I actually have not yet composed.

3. I understand that the conference will also be addressed by some or all of the following: Governor Robert Kennon of Louisiana; Governor Hugh Gregg of New Hampshire; Mayor Ferdinand DeLesseps Morrison of New Orleans; Hon. Warren Olney, III, Assistant Attorney General, and someone, as yet undesignated, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Colonel White is to speak for approximately 30 minutes at 1130 hours on 27 September, in that portion of their program which is called "inspirational."

4. I also am given to understand that the Director of Security will accompany Colonel White to New Orleans, and while I am sure his presence would act as an almost continuous "security check" on what might be said, I did want to cover this matter with you and to request your advice and counsel on what topics should assiduously be avoided. While the speech is not yet written, there are several areas on which Colonel White may touch, and about which I wish you would counsel me:

a. He plans to devote introductory remarks to the relationship of CIA to the rest of the intelligence community, and its relationship in the structure of Government, with especial

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reference to the National Security Council and the President. This will be illustrated by a simple, unclassified visual aid.

b. He has told me that he would like to touch on the fact that CIA has no police powers of its own, and he has thought of mentioning the amount and kind of cooperation CIA has received from local police forces, and our relationship with the FBI.

c. Colonel White has also asked me to research the possibilities in a comparison between the ease with which the Soviet Union can obtain information from unclassified sources in the United States, as contrasted with the difficulty of securing and validating corresponding information from the USSR and its police state. As a source, I shall make use, among other things, of a list of ways and means of getting information about the United States, which is maintained by the DCI for use in similar comparisons which he has made in the past. While I realize that the area of CIA's experience with the USSR is a touchy one, I think that a comparison can be drawn that does not starkly state the methods by which we attempt to secure such information. Of course, no mention is to be made of any clandestine operations.

d. Colonel White has also indicated that he would like to explore the possibilities of saying something about the Clark Task Force that would leave the audience with the impression that we are delighted to work with General Clark, and, inferentially, that we found this type of operation under the Hoover Commission preferable to "others which might be mounted from other quarters."

e. The Deputy Director (Administration) has also expressed a desire to put in a solid plug for the high regard in which he holds our Security Office; the fact that we are constantly on top of the penetration problem. In the connection of d. above, he also said that he would like to mention that our relations with the Congress have not been as deplorable as headlines might lead one to believe.

f. Lastly, Colonel White indicated that he would like to stress the overt side of CIA, with especial reference to the work of PDD, OO/C, the IAC and the preparation of National Intelligence Estimates (ONE).

5. While I realize that this is a pretty broad charter for you to comment upon, especially without the benefit of a script in your hands, I want to mention that I have planned to coordinate the substance of what I prepare for Colonel White with the appropriate offices of the Deputy Director (Plans) and the Deputy Director (Intelligence), (particularly OOI), in addition to the Security Office. He will have a final prepared text in his hands on 26 September when he leaves, and this will represent the material approved by these people in addition to yourselves.

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6. At the moment, I do not know the exact composition of the audience, though from the title of the organization, I am led to believe that possibly some foreign police people will be present. I am sure that the meeting, particularly the key speakers, will be covered by the local press, and through them the wire services. I suggested to Colonel White that, in order to prevent being misquoted, he might want to have advance copies of his presentation to leave with the press, if they required them, but he did not think this would be necessary.

7. I plan to visit the Washington office of the Association within the next few days, for the purpose of getting additional background information from Mr. Wike, the Executive Secretary, and I will see that it is laid before you when I receive it. In the meantime, I hope there is enough for you to go on in order that you might be able to give us an idea of what you feel is necessary not to say, and what you feel might be developed that I have left out.

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